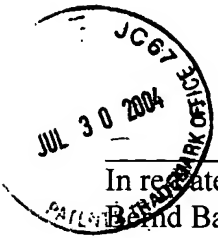


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For: NONCONDUCTING SUBSTRATE, FORMING  
A STRIP OR A PANEL, ON WHICH A  
MULTIPLICITY OF CARRIER ELEMENTS  
ARE FORMED

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 3 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to Figures 1, 4 and 6 .

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